acts of commission and/or omission in respect of the transactions referred to in sub-clause (a) above;

(iv) to inquire into all aspects relating to the making and publication of these allegations and any other matter which arises from or is connected with or incidental to any act, omission or transaction referred to in sub-clauses (a) and (b) above.

The Commission is to submit its report within a period of four months from the date of publication of the Notification in the Official Gazette.

Purchase of Russian Ammunition

3655. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian made Krasnopol laser guided ammunition worth crores of rupees were purchased despite the fact that these failed the tests during Kargil conflict;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the procurement of the Krasnopol shells;

(c) if so, whether any under-hand deal in their acquisition has been noticed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) 155 mm Krasnopol ammunition was evaluated in both desert and high altitude areas and the ammunition was accepted for introduction into service only after it was accepted by all

commanders-in-chain, following successful trial evaluations, with certain restrictions.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.

(e) As the ammunition was purchased after successful evaluation, no such action is envisaged.

Report of the Kargil Review Committee

3656. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers set up to examine the report of the Kargil Review Committee has submitted its report to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the Report; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and, in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. The GoM has finalized its Report which has been presented to the Prime Minister of 26.2.2001. Detailed recommendations for reforming the national security system including those related to Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security, Border Management and Defence Management have been made by the GoM. After examination and acceptance of the Report, action as required will be taken expeditiously.